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COPIED COMMENTS.

"OUR MARY" STUCK ON ENGLAND.
Mary Anderson, it is said, will make England her permanent home.—Hickman Courier.

THE FORCE OF HABIT.

A Newport man got married the other afternoon, and that evening he went down town and stayed all night with a male chum, forgetting all about it.—State Journal.

LET IT BE DONE.

The venerable Dr. C. C. Graham wants every family to put up a notice on the parlor door to this effect: "This house must be closed at ten o'clock and the young ladies go to bed."—Louisville Democrat.

A CHILD OF THE FLOOD.

During the flood at Catlettsburg there was a death and a birth in the Court House. The baby was a boy and was named Proctor Knott, by Secretary James McKenzie, who was in the town at that time, distributing charity.—Parks Citizen.

EASY TO FILL.

It is not surprising that applicants for the position of Register of the Land Office are so numerous when the law requires no qualifications whatever, allows an annual salary of \$2,000 and provides enough clerks to do all the work.—Louisville Commercial.

NOTHING UNFAIR.

Mr. Watterson's new copyright bill was introduced in Congress Wednesday by Mr. Tucker, of Virginia. This bill is creating a considerable stir among the newspapers, and yet there seems to be nothing unfair in it. It merely proposes to protect those journals that pay out enormous sums of money for the news, from the pirate-subservitors of some less liberal and wide-awake contemporary.—Henderson Journal.

CRUEL SARCASM.

We presume the Yeoman was defeated for Public Printer on account of its outspoken and unsparing criticism of Democratic affairs, and particularly of the legislature. The Yeoman must be disciplined and taught that it cannot talk right out about the party in the fearless and reckless manner so characteristic of its columns.*

*Note—Exchanges copying this is requested to put it in their humorous or satirical departments,—Commercial.

PROTECTION NEEDED.

Mr. Watterson's copyright bill seems to have aroused considerable opposition among the papers of this State. It seems to us protection should be given to the papers which pay for and keep up the Associated Press dispatches. It will in no way affect the country press, and so far as the city papers are concerned if they want the benefit of these dispatches let them render themselves entitled to them remembering the Chilian's motto "No pay no take,"—Muhlenburg Echo.

UNCLE SAM'S NOSE PUNCHED.

Bismarck has insulted the United States by refusing to lay before the German Legislature the resolutions passed by Congress upon the death of Herr Lasker, but Congress made a fool of itself by putting itself in a position to be insulted. The Lasker resolution was introduced by Tom Ouchi to curry favor with his constituency and other Congressmen voted for it upon the same idea. American demagogery is as much responsible for the insult as German insolence and imperialism, both of which are intolerable.—Elizabethtown News.

LEVEL-HEADED AS USUAL.

We notice that some of our exchanges are making "Much ado about nothing" over the proposed amendment to the Laws of Copyright. This amendment secures to newspapermen exclusive rights, for twenty-four hours, to all news published in their columns. Look at us we may we can see no impropriety, but a great deal of justice, in such a law. News, especially that which travels over the wires, is a very expensive luxury, and those who have the spirit and enterprise to incur the necessarily heavy expense in obtaining it, ought certainly to be protected from piratical craft that sail around and "gobble up" everything they come across.

—Henderson Reporter.

MACKENZIE.

Dr. D. M. White, of this place, returned from an extended visit to Tenn., Tuesday.

A great many plant beds were burned during the few days of nice weather the first of this week,

Mr. A. W. Pollard is driving a new entry near his old works at the Morris coal mines, near this place.

Messrs. J. W. McCarron and James Orton, are the happy fathers of a brand new girl each.

A steam mill explosion created quite a sensation here last week. No lives lost however, the only damage done was that all the parties of the proposed company agreed to disagree and never bought the mill and our people are sadly disappointed because we will have no mill for at least.

ROUN AND READY.

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CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having placed in his hands by an East India Missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Cough, asthma and all throat and Lung affections, also a positive and medical cure for Nervous Debility and Nervous Complaints, after having tested his wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has fit it his duty to make known to his suffering fellows. Activated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this receipt, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming the paper. W. A. NOYES, 140 Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y.

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Mr. Sherman has reported favorably to the Senate the bill granting copy-right to newspapers.

The Philadelphia Times has created considerable excitement by employing three colored men on its staff as reporters.

The friends of President Arthur are claiming a solid delegation for him from Louisiana, in the Republican National convention.

The Democratic Congressional Campaign committee was organized at Washington Tuesday. Hon. Jas. F. Clay is the Kentucky member.

The tide has turned against the Egyptian rebels. The English under General Graham have won a bloody victory over Osman Digna, in which the rebels had 1,100 men killed.

The musical voice of the editor of the McAlissoville Times is now being truized to the soft melodies of "Baby Mine." It is a girl and her subduary career will date from Sunday March 2, 1881.

The question of the re-apportionment of the Congressional districts has been brought up in the Legislature. While the subject of apportionment is up we trust the Legislative Districts will also be re-apportioned and Christian county given two Representatives, as she is justly entitled to.

Mr. Stuart has introduced a bill in the Lower House of the Legislature asking that the carpenter of the two Houses of the present general Assembly be allowed to draw from the treasury the sum of \$2,50 a day during the session. We are at a loss to know what the Legislature wants with a carpenter, unless it be to keep up the fences of the members who are aspiring to higher offices.

As will be seen elsewhere, a call for the Democratic State Committee to meet and select a time and place for holding the State Convention, has been issued. The Convention for various reasons should be held only a few days before the National Convention. Louisville, July 3, would be the best place and time, in our opinion.

The New York Republican State Convention meets at Utica on April 23; the California Republicans at Oakland, April 30; the Rhode Island Democrats March 19; the Kentucky Republicans at Louisville May 1. The Louisiana Republicans opened the ball at New Orleans this week. The political pot is beginning to simmer.

Mr. Moremen, of Meade, offers a resolution in the House Tuesday, providing for an investigation of the "bold and flagrant charges that diverse candidates for the office of United States Senator who were voted for by the members of this General Assembly, did offer and pay money for votes, did give and offer bribe and treat to procure an election, contrary to, and in violation of, the fundamental law of our state."—Courier Journal.

The most indifferent observer can not fail to see that the Old Ticket is looking up for the Chicago Democratic nomination. Even the New York Sun, which has declared that Mr. Tilden couldn't, wouldn't and shouldn't be the Democratic nominee, shows an inclination to support the Old Ticket.

Waiving all questions of expediency, we believe the Old Ticket would throw into the shade Tariff and cognate questions in regard to which Democrats are divided, and make the result turn on the question of reform in the administration of the Government, in regard to which Democrats are united.—Covington Commonwealth.

The chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee has issued the following call:

To the Members of the Democratic State Central and Executive Committees:

You are hereby requested to meet at Bahr's Hotel, Frankfort, at 11 o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, March 19th, to fix the time and place of holding a State Convention for the purpose of sending delegates to the National Democratic Convention, to meet in Chicago, July 8th, 1884.

J. STODDARD JOHNSTON,
Chairman,

Frankfort, Ky., March 4th, 1884.

We are in favor of Hon. James A. McKenzie and Hon. W. C. P. Breckinridge as the Democratic Electors for the State at large, this year, for the election of President. We favor them because they are men of experience and ability, and have much to do with National affairs. They have been faithful and able representatives of the Democratic party, and are possessed of fine oratorical powers; well posted on the leading questions of the day, they will wield a power of influence. No two men in the Commonwealth could represent us better or induce Kentucky to roll up a larger Democratic victory.

Kentucky will be entitled to four delegates from the State at large and if oratory is to be an object in selecting them Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn and Hon. W. P. Taubbee, "the mountain orator" should not be overlooked.

The committee sent here to investigate the Western Asylum was composed of gentlemen far above the average Legislators in point of intellect. Senator Price, the chairman, is a middle-aged lawyer of Flemingsburg, with a big brain and a handsome face set off by a flowing brown beard. Senator Rigney, of Casey county is an elderly and courtly looking gentleman with a beardless face and gray hair—what there is of it. Capt. W. J. Stone, of Eddyville, is a middle-aged gentleman with a pleasant face, a bright eye and brown moustache and beard. He is not bald-headed but his hair is getting thin on top of his head, which is chock full of brains. He is an ex-Confederate soldier and lost a leg in the service of the "Lost cause." He is a candidate for Congress in the First District and should he receive the Democratic nomination will make it warm for Col. Turner. Representative Walter Cleary of Covington, is a young lawyer. Physically he is verging on to stoutness, rather low of stature, with a handsome face and dark moustache. He is a young man of decided ability. Dr. W. A. Bradford, is a physician of Falmouth, Pendleton county. He is probably thirty years old, tall and good looking. His mild blue eyes and sandy moustache would be very taking with the ladies, if he is still single. He is rather sedate but is a polished and cultured gentleman. They performed their duty faithfully and well and investigated the workings of the institution thoroughly and fully. Every one who was supposed to know anything about the asylum was examined. Even discharged employees who were expected to show up something irregular were questioned closely, but absolutely nothing was found wrong. The committee unhesitatingly assured Dr. Rodman that they would report his asylum as a model institution in every respect.

Mr. John P. Barrett, editor of the Hartford (Ky.) Herald, commenced a suit for damages against the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company yesterday, laying the extent of his injuries at \$10,520.

Mr. Barrett alleges in his petition

that on the 24th of last month he

purchased a parlor car ticket in the

depot of the Shortline railroad at Cincinnati, and boarded train No. 5 a few minutes later for the purpose of coming to Louisville. When the

conductor came around for tickets, he handed him his ticket which he punched, but subsequently the con-

ductor informed him that he could not ride in the parlor car on that ticket. Mr. Barrett called a gentle-

man passenger to prove that he had

purchased the ticket for a parlor car

ticket and had paid extra for it, but

the conductor refused to listen to the

corroborative statement, and insisted

that Mr. Barrett should leave the

car. He refused to do so, when as-

sisted by two negroes, the conductor ejected him from the car. His over-

coat, containing valuable papers, was

left behind and he was refused per-

mission to go back after it. When

the train arrived in Louisville he

was compelled to travel in the

cold from the head of Jefferson

street to the Louisville Hotel without an overcoat.

He contracted a severe cold, and claims that thereby he was damaged to the extent of

\$500. He claimed \$20 for the loss of

his overcoat and \$10,000 damages for

the disgrace and humiliation of being

ejected from the car. The railroad

officials claim that Mr. Barrett was

traveling on a pass, and that he had

no right to ride in the parlor car

without paying for the privilege,

which he refused to do, whereupon

he was "transferred" to another

coach by the conductor and his as-

sistants.

Following is a copy of the bill in-

roduced by Senator Sherman Tues-

day granting a copyright to newspa-

pers:

"Be it enacted, etc., That any daily

or weekly newspaper, or any associa-

tion of daily or weekly newspa-

pers published in the United States or

any Territory thereof, shall have the

sole right to print, issue and sell for

a term of eight hours, dating from

the hour of going to press, the con-

tents of said daily or weekly newspa-

pers or collected news of said news-

paper association, exceeding 100

words.

SEC. 2. That for any infringement

of the copyright granted by the

first section of this act the party in-

jured may sue in any court of compe-

tent jurisdiction and recover in any

proper action the damages sustained

by him from the person making the

infringement, together with the cost

of the suit."

A duplicate of the foregoing meas-

ure will be introduced in the House at the earliest opportunity by Repre-

sentative Tucker, of Virginia.

Daniel F. Beatty, the great piano

and organ manufacturer, of Wash-

ington, New Jersey, has made an

assignment. He owes \$250,000, prin-

cipally for money advanced to him

by parties in and about Washington. His assets are placed at \$150,000. He is published as a first-class fraud.—EN.

We are glad that this notorious

cheat, who has for years bored the

newspapers with his "confidential

propositions," is no longer in a posi-

tion to send out baits for "suckers" to

himself.

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KENTUCKY KNOWLEDGE.

Cadiz is without a town marshal.

The Times says Madisonville will have a bulldog boom this spring.

An unknown man was found dead in his bed in a Mt. Sterling boarding house.

The Republican state convention has been called to meet in Louisville May 1.

Davies county is all torn up on a question of settling her county indebtedness.

The body of an unknown stranger, with black whiskers, was washed ashore at Louisville.

Prof. A. B. Stark, for a number of years President of Logan Female College, Russellville, died a few days ago in Atchison, Fla.

Carlisle and Flemingsburg will become "Presidential" postoffices April 1, with salaries of \$1,000 and \$1,000, respectively.

At Morganfield, Fred Cromwell, on a friendly wager, held his arm straight out without support for one hour and fifteen seconds.

Edmund Merkle killed himself with a pistol at Louisville. He promised his wife to quit drinking and then walked into a bed room and shot out his brains.

Two of our contemporaries—the Ashland Independent and the Paris Citizen—are offering their offices for sale. Both are well-established papers in prosperous cities.

Thos. Hoppgood, near Morganfield was found dead in his field where he had fallen and laid all night. He was lying with his face in the mud.

There will be a skating contest between Harry Wright, of Evansville, and Robert Morningstar, of Louisville, at the rink at Evansville tonight, for the championship of Indiana and Kentucky. Mr. Wright has now the gold medal for Indiana and Mr. Morningstar that for Kentucky. They will get ten per cent of the door receipts. Mr. Morningstar skated in Owensboro last year, and won much applause.—Owensboro Messenger.

The following extract from the proceedings of the Senate of March 3d, explains itself:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Gentlemen of the Senate:

I have the honor to nominate, and by and with your advice and consent will appoint, Hon. George M. Adams, of Knox county, Register of the Land Office, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Hon. J. G. Cecil. Very respectfully,

J. PHILIPPE KNOTT.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the rules were suspended, and the nomination of Mr. Adams advised and consented to.

The nomination of Mr. Adams, known throughout the mountain section as Matt Adams, will be entirely satisfactory to the people of the State. As his predecessor was from the eastern section, it was evidently proper that a man representing the same portion of the State should have been appointed. Mr. Adams, it will be remembered, made the race for Congress against Jno. D. White, in 1882. He was in Congress with Gov. Knott some years ago. He is well qualified for the place.

Maj. J. Bingham, of Trigg, and Dr. W. H. Jefferson, of Todd, a sub-committee of the committee on charitable institutions, visited the Asylum here last Tuesday to examine its architecture and arrangement. It is thought that another Asylum will have to be built in a few years unless the present ones are greatly enlarged.

CANALS ON THE PLANET MARS.

I possess thirty or forty views of Mars presented to me sixteen years ago by the Rev. Mr. Dawes, in which, though he used but an eight-inch telescope, some of the long, narrow passages mentioned by Mr. Webb are shown. I mention this because it may serve to corroborate what otherwise might seem improbable—the circumstance that Signor Schiaparelli should have seen with his comparatively small telescope what has escaped the attention of observers using such instruments as the Herschelian reflectors, the three-foot reflector made by Mr. Common and the magnifying twenty-six-inch reflector of Washington. Albeit until observers with such instruments as these have distinctly seen what Signor Schiaparelli has mapped we must not too hastily assume that these are real features of Mars. Mr. Nathaniel Green, whose fine lithographs of Mars adorn a recent volume of the "Memoirs of the Astronomical Society," considers that these narrow passages are due to an optical illusion (which he has himself experienced).

Should it be proved that the network of dark streaks has a real existence, we should by no means be forced to believe that Mars is a planet unlike our earth, but we might perhaps infer that engineering works on a much greater scale than any which exist on our globe have been carried on upon the surface of Mars. The smaller force of Mars' gravity would suggest that such works could be much more easily conducted on Mars than on the earth, as I have elsewhere shown. It would be rash, however

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FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1881.

C. C. NOBLE
Is our traveling correspondent and business manager, and all contracts made by him will be carried out by us.
MEACHAM & WILGUS.

SOCIALITIES.

Mr John Mooney left Wednesday for the eastern cities.

Col. Gano Henry returned from Shelbyville Wednesday.

Representative Larkin T. Brasher was in the city Monday.

Mr. M. Gant has taken a position with Russell & Jones.

Mr. Nat C. Headley, of Evansville, was in the city yesterday.

Col. M. H. Brown, of Fairview, is attending court this week.

Mr. C. M. Latham left for New York Tuesday, to be gone three weeks.

Mr. M. Lipstine, of Lipstine & Hardware, has gone east, to buy goods.

Mr. J. D. Russell has gone east to purchase his spring stock.

Mr. J. W. Beazley, of Montgomery, has returned from an extended visit to the South.

Mr. V. M. Metcalfe is at home after having been absent in the South for several weeks.

Miss Florence Chappell, of Cadiz, came up to the Chappell-Cooper implements, yesterday.

Prot. Dr. Snow, of Bloomington, Ill., is in the city and will introduce his alphabetical combination business cards.

Judge Grace and Commonwealth's Attorney Garnett are stopping at the Burbridge House during Circuit Court.

Mr. Thos. W. Hodman has connected himself with Mr. M. W. Grissom's grocery establishment, where he will be glad to see his friends.

A Quiet Wedding.

Mr. John J. Chappell, of Cadiz, Ky., was married yesterday at 11 o'clock to Miss Edie Cooper, only daughter of Mrs. Jas. D. Cooper. The marriage took place in the parlor of the Phoenix Hotel; the only attendants were Mr. Nat C. Headley and Miss Florence Chappell, a sister of the groom. Rev. Jas. M. Crowe, of Madisonville, was the officiating clergyman. The bridal party left on the 12:35 train for Cadiz, by way of Clarksville and the Cumberland river. Mr. Chappell is a highly respected young merchant of Cadiz and the bride is a young lady universally beloved by those who know her, for her many estimable qualities. May they always be happy is our heartfelt wish.

COURT NEWS.

But little has been done in Criminal Court this week. A few fines have been assessed as follows:

Forfeited ball bond, W. F. Maher	\$100.00
" C. H. Ryan in the case of W. S. Ridder, Russellville	200.00
Forfeited ball bond, case of J. H. Jones	22.12
" " Geo. Green	33.90
Two cases of forfeited ball bonds	60.01
One case C. D. weapons	25.00
One case retaining	10.00
One case assault and battery	25.00
One case forgery	25.00
Wm. Hargraves, malicious cutting	75.00
Geo. Grace, cutting in sudden heat and passion	50.00
Total fines	462.05

Poetry for Ladies.

No art of talking, witty or wise,
Will settle the coffee or make the bread else,
No doctrine or creed since eating began,
Was known to regale a right hungry man.

Great thoughts gleam in gravity, and nations
Are to (n) e!

Gn hollows of song, and lonely loo,

Thee do not relish, but with good common
sense,

Submit to the stomach's omnipotence,

And enter the ranks of the housekeeper's
affairs,

And if needful as your mother did, to every day

If you'd learn to keep house as slick as a
kate,

Subscribe at once for THE HOUSEWIFE.

THE HOUSEWIFE will be sent on trial for one year free to every lady who will send immediately the names and addresses of ten married ladies or housekeepers, and 12 two cent stamps for postage. Address, THE HOUSEWIFE, Rochester, N. Y.

DIED.

MCKENZIE.—At his residence near Cadiz, Ky., Friday, Feb. 23d, 1881, Mr. Milis E. McKenzie, in the 55th year of his age. The malady that carried him off was that dread disease consumption. He was the oldest son of Mr. W. W. McKenzie and a brother of Hon. Jas. A. McKenzie. His health had been very poor for two years. He leaves four sons and one daughter.

A Card of Thanks.

In behalf of my wife and myself, I wish to express my thanks to all who in any way aided us in getting our effects out of South Kentucky College building on the 24th ult. Those ladies and gentlemen who aided us in preserving and removing what was resented from the flames deserve additional thanks for their kind offices.

Respectively,
H. C. DEWESEE.

To be successful in all undertakings in life, of whatever name or nature, vigorous bodily health is essential, and a clear head. These are vouchsafed to all if they will practice the hygienic rules so clearly set forth in that popular medical treatise, "The Science of Life"; or, "Self-Preservation."

Gov. Kuoti has remitted \$350 in fines against J. D. Younis, of Greenville, for violating the liquor law.

HERE AND THERE.

W. F. Patton, Life Insurance. Howe's is the standard city time, Campbell and Rodgers, Ins. Agts. That wedding has been postponed. It has been a dull uneventful court week.

Mr. M. D. Kelly invites you to see the father clock.

Those delicious cream candies and caramels are at W. W. Radford's.

M. Frankel & Sons is headquarters for Trunks, Valises &c.

Go to Wilson & Galbreath's for Landreth's fresh garden seed in bulk.

Go to Pike's for fresh oysters, fine cigars, pool and billiards. Open day and night.

Born, to the wife of Mr. L. H. McKee, of this city, Tuesday, March 1st, a boy.

The meeting at the Southern Presbyterian church still continues. There have been about 15 recessions to the church.

C. A. Thompson has the largest stock of Queen-ware and Glassware to be found in Hopkinsville.

83 dozen eggs were brought to the city from Kirkmansville, this week, at one time, by Mr. John Grissom.

When you come to town remember you can get the best liquors and a warm lunch at J. M. Tamly's, in the Phoenix Hotel.

M. Frankel & Sons have just received a line of Ladies and Misses Jersey's, Torshon Laces and Hamburg Edgings at Rock Bottom Prices.

Don't fail to call and see M. Frankel & Sons' samples for suits to order. They can make you a nice suit for from \$22.00 to \$35.00.

Street Supervisor Twymann is having the old cut up road at the corner of Main and Nashville, the last of the old turnbacks on Main street, cut down and there will be no shade tree left in the business portion of the city.

Mr. B. C. Garnett, an old and highly-respected citizen of the Pembroke vicinity, died a few days ago, at his home. He was a clever gentleman, a substantial citizen and a representative of one of the best families in the country.

Farmers who have grubbing and shing splitting to do, should wait till they see the Shurps' portable stamping Machine at work. Mr. Hicks informs us he will begin working exhibition in a few days.

Mr. M. D. Kelly now has his town clock in successful operation and it is the wonder and admiration of all those who have never seen the like before. It was put up at a cost of about \$400. There are two dial, the face being black and the figures gilt. The works are visible in the window below and there is also a small dial underneath. The clock will be of great benefit to the public.

The following are the Petit Juries for the 1st and 2nd weeks:

Thos. Williamson, F. S. Meacham, Alex Fritz, Mike Wolfe, West-Witty, Marion Cooper, Mack J. Davis, Jas. T. Johnson, R. B. McReynolds, G. W. P'pool, S. T. Fruitt, W. H. Sheppard, T. W. Gooch, U. D. Bell, Alex Walker, G. F. West, W. L. Gibson, R. M. Harrison, John Kelly, Marion Moore, Emmet Moore, Sam Hawkins, Jas. Hargraves, Joe Luck. The four last named are colored.

The city council has closed a contract with Mr. A. J. Bussey, Southern Agent of the Silsby manufacturing Co., Seneca Falls, N. Y., for a new steam engine for the city.

The cost of the new engine is to be \$1,000. The old engine now owned by the city will be taken at \$1,000 and the balance is to be paid as follows: \$1,000 cash, \$1,000 in one year and \$1,000 in two years. The engine is to mount lighter than the present one, will throw four streams instead of two and will have all of the very latest improvements. The one exchanged was bought about 11 years ago and is of course far behind the times, as many improvements have been made in that time. One great advantage will be in the vast difference in weight. The new one will be here in thirty days.

SELF-DESTRUCTION.

William Witty Accidentally Fires a Lead shot into his Heart.

An accidental killing was the sensation reported on the streets last Tuesday and it gave the people something else besides the weather to talk about for a day or two. On Tuesday morning Wm. Witty, a farmer who lived some four or five miles northwest of the city, accidentally shot and killed himself on the back porch of his residence. He heard his dogs barking and went out on the porch to look around and carelessly dropped his gun on the floor near the edge. As the edge of the porch was covered with sleet the butt of the gun slipped off and the hammer struck the porch discharging the contents into Mr. Witty's heart, causing death instantly. An inquest was held and a verdict in accordance with the above facts rendered. Mr. Witty was an industrious and well-to-do farmer and leaves a wife and several children.

"But you know, pa," said the farmer's daughter, when he spoke to her about the addresses of a neighbor's son, "you know, pa, that ma wants me to marry a man of culture?" So do I, my dear, so do I; and there is no better culture than agriculture.

TRENTON, KY.

March, 6th 1881.
EDITOR SOUTH KENTUCKIAN:

I have not noticed any items in your valuable paper, of which I am and always will be a subscriber, about our little town, so I thought I would write away a few lines for your next issue;

Business in all branches has been somewhat stagnant, owing to the bad weather making the roads entirely impassable, keeping our farmers from town.

Dr. F. J. Runyon, who has been a student of the Louisville Medical College, returned home last week with the highest honors of that institute on a sheep ship, and yesterday entered upon the M. D. list with a full and complete outfit for peddling pills and ginseng. We wish the Dr.

G. Tully, is as happy as a big sun-flower that nods and bends in the breezes. It's a hoy, and pulls the scales at 12 pounds.

We regret to hear of the failure of our esteemed and clever friends McElvain & Brothier, who on last Friday made an assignment to W. L. Reeves and the community believing it to be a fair one sympathizes with them most heartily.

W. J. Chiles, a graduate of the Nashville University, returned home on last Saturday with the highest honors.

John H. Wood, our true and tried friend, after a slight tussle with a millions attack, is, we are glad to state, on his pegs again. John says he is for Judge Grace for President and Garnett for Vice-President.

Farmers report the prospect for the wheat crop good, and on making a greater effort for a large tobacco crop, as a great many of them have prepared their plant beds and sown their seed.

The merchants are laying in their Spring stocks and anticipate a good trade.

Mr. G. Cross Wood, one of our leading farmers, was in town to-day and being robed in a suit of rubber goods and a large lined white hat with cord and tassel, a present to him from Texas, was for a short time, by some, taken for a cow-boy.

WING.

Made him Hear.

A grocery merchant on market street has his telephone near his front door. The other day the bell rung and the merchant stepped to the telephone. Just at that time a country man with a basket of eggs came up to him.

"Well?" said the merchant to the telephone, but at the same time gazing abstractedly at the countryman.

"Do you want to buy any eggs?" asked the man.

"I don't understand you," said the merchant to the telephone.

"I say," said the egg dealer, speaking louder, do you want to buy any eggs?

"Oh, I can't understand a word you say," growled the merchant, still intent upon getting the telephonic message.

Then the countryman lifted up a Gargantuan voice which made the rafters rock, and started people for squares around.

"Do you want any a-i-g-s?"

"No, confound you, no!" shouted the merchant, dropping the telephone and putting his hands to his ears.

"You bet I raised him," chuckled the egg man as he walked out. I never seen a deaf man yet that I couldn't make hear when I put on all my steam."

TOBACCO SALES.

Sales by Abernathy & Co., March, 5th, of 18 Hhds, as follows.

13 Hhds. medium leaf from \$8.50 to 7.50.

5 Hhds. low leaf and lugs from \$7.50 to 7.50.

Market active and prices a shade stronger on everything except medium lugs.

Sales by Buckner & Wooldridge, fo 13 Hhds., as follows:

6 Hhds., common to medium leaf 7.50 to 10.50.

7 Hhds., trashy to medium lugs 6.50 to 7.00.

Market rates strong and steady.

Sale by Hancock & Fraser, of 33 Hhds, as follows:

18 Hhds., common and good lugs 6.40 to 7.35.

21 Hhds., common to medium leaf 7.25 to 9.00.

Prices full on all offerings this week. We offered no good Tobacco.

Nelson & Jesup, sold since last report 38 Hhds., Tobacco as follows:

23 Hhds. leaf 9.50 to 7.00.

15 " lugs 7.35 " B.00.

Market very firm and active.

A committee is to be appointed by the Legislature to investigate the cause of floods and to report results at the next session. We suggest that it might be well for the committee to consider whether the rains have anything to do with causing the floods.

The same committee should be instructed to devise means for securing rains during dry seasons.—Louisville Commercial.

Water is about the last thing a Legislative committee would recommend for irrigating purposes during "dry seasons."

Prentiss Tiller, a confidential clerk in the office of the Pacific Express Company at St. Louis, skipped out last Sunday, taking with him \$75,000 of the company's cash. He was formerly a resident of Louisville.

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Ed Gaither's showcase of Cigars, is the fullest, finest and best brands in the city. Try them.

Where are you going stranger! Why, I am

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Our Agents.

The following persons are our authorized agents, who will receive subscriptions for the SEMI-WEEKLY SOUTH KENTUCKIAN:

- J. W. Williams, Paducah, Ky.
- W. H. Breuer, Fairview, Ky.
- C. W. Landerman, Trenton, Ky.
- J. M. Adams & Co., Church Hill, Ky.
- P. B. Hancock, Cynthia, Ky.
- J. W. Smith, Elizabethtown, Ky.
- Mrs. Curtis L. Green, Lafayette Ky.
- H. J. Faulkner, Calmar, Ky.
- W. H. Harton, Kirksville, Ky.
- Rev. Jas. Allenworth, Elmo, Ky.
- W. A. White, Macclesfield, Ky.

TWENTY-ONE.

BY EUGENE J. HALL.

I'm twenty-one years old to-day,
An independent man;
The world they longed to be
Hence have I now begun.
Good-by to mother's apron strings,
Such as I have outgrown,
I'll gladly have my daddy's wings
To sail upon my own.

Chorus -
A full-fledged man, a tall young man,
A proud young man am I;
My youth is done, I'm twenty-one—
I'm old enough to fly.

II.
Now I can vote for President
Upon election day,
An' now will see the Sunday nights,
When late I chance to stay.
I've left my gingham apron off,
A long-tailed coat to wear,
An' my chin I'll soon begin
To grow a crop of hair.

Chorus -
A full-fledged man, a tall young man,
A proud young man am I;
Below my nose my mustache grows—
I'm old enough to fly.

III.
No more will daddy's raspin' voice,
Ex loud as all outdoors,
Sound up the chamber stirs to make
Me go and do the chores.
The younger boys may milk the cows
An' feed the stock ther' hay,
While I will till breakfast time—
I'm twenty-one-to-day.

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AN IDYL OF THE PLAINS.

In the spring of 1866 the narrator was serving in the Second United States cavalry, and was stationed at Fort Laramie. Previous to this there had been much trouble with the Indians, but at that time a profound peace had succeeded, and soldiers and Indians were living on the most friendly terms. In the neighborhood Spotted Tail was stationed with a whole band of red men, warriors, squaws, and papooses, running in all something over 3,000 souls. Many of the females of Spotted Tail were quite good looking. But among them all none was more beautiful than the daughter of the old chief himself, Spotted Tail.

The soldier who tells the story does not remember the girl's Indian name, but knows that she was known to all the garrison as Pauline. The most classic and aesthetic of mortals could not deny her beauty. She had a good forehead, a well-formed head, features almost Grecian in their outline, and a form that any woman might envy, it was so exquisitely rounded, and yet so graceful and statu-esque. Her dress set off all those beauties to the utmost advantage. She was 18 years of age, and walked with a fine, graceful gait, in which every movement seemed perfection. She was wonderfully neat in her personal appearance, and her hair was always dressed in the prettiest and most becoming style, and never hung loosely and slovenly about her head, as did that of most squaws.

No wonder the old chief, her father, loved her, or that all the Indians, as well as the whole garrison, felt the benign influence of her presence. But in all the garrison there was no one who conceived for her so great a passion or who saw his suit met with so much favor as a young Lieutenant in an infantry regiment stationed in the fort. Lieutenant Livingstone was the scion of a worthy New York family, proud alike of the purity of their blood, the honor of their family name and their undisputed wealth. He was a person of fine, manly presence, and, as the narrator believes, an honorable and high-minded gentleman. By that undoubtful, undefinable something, call it love, magnetism, electricity, what you please, there sprang up in the hearts of both these young people a mutual feeling of sympathy and affection for each other. Spotted Tail may not at first have looked with favor upon his daughter's choice, but, whatever bad opinion he may have had of the Lieutenant was changed by a little episode in which the Lieutenant was a participant. Some of the Sioux had lately been preying on the garrison and had stolen their horses. Spotted Tail's men were hostile to them, and looked eagerly for the vengeance which they knew their white friends would visit on the Sioux. A little band of soldiers, in which was included Lieutenant Livingstone, started out, accompanied by two Indian guides from Spotted Tail's band. The party traveled all

night through a most romantic country; the scenery had a sublime and rugged grandeur, and they passed over high mountains and scaled the ridges of deep precipices. When morning came they met the Sioux, killed a great number of them, recovered their horses, took many fine animals from the Indians and rilled the deserted camp of much rich booty. The war had, however, been hotly contested, the Indians fighting like tigers. But no one on the side of the whites had fought with so much fierceness as Lieutenant Livingstone. He seemed to care nothing for his own life, but fought with a bravery that was the admiration of all who saw it. The Indian guides brought back to their chief the stories of Lieutenant's valor, and, the Indian prizes nothing so highly as bravery, Spotted Tail from that moment looked upon Livingstone as a great hero, and thus began one of those friendships which nothing but death can snuff.

Lieutenant Livingstone insisted on marching according to both the rites of the church and the red man, and according to the testimony of those who knew the party it was consummated. In the meantime rumor, with her thousand tongues, spread the story far and wide till it reached the homes of the Livingstones in New York. The Lieutenant's mother was plunged into an excess of shame and indignation at her son's conduct; the father had a fit of most unaristocratic rage, and the valiant old man started for the West, determined to push on to Fort Laramie, whatever lions or Indians lay in his path, and prevent this most unnatural and dangerous liaison from going further. Out on the plains dreadful stories of Indian massacres and border troubles came to his ears, and the old fellow hurried back to gout and civilization.

Beyond the Rocky mountains the Fort Laramie idyl was nearing its end. A few months of happiness went by, the old chief loving the young man as his son, the daughter evidently finding an earthly paradise with her soldier lover.

Here we touch the shadow of a great mystery. Was her husband true or false? All the soldiers know that he suddenly left the garrison with a scouting party. Was it to obey the call of duty, or had he tired of his Indian bride? For the rest the old chief saw that his beloved prairie flower was fading. The rest is soon told. In a few short months, in giving birth to a beautiful child with the sanctity of a great sorrow resting on its little brow, Pauline died. And about three weeks after the young life perished too. In the meantime, many of the soldiers had left to quell some Indian disturbances that were occurring at the time, and the whole story of Pauline's death was unknown to them. It was in the beautiful days of early autumn, and the rare enchantment of the matchless Indian summer lay over everything. In the dying glories of a rarely beautiful day in the fall of 1867 the soldiers were returning to the garrison. As they approached its familiar surroundings they were surprised at seeing a large company of other soldiers in the garrison mustered around some object. Later they discovered that many Indians were in the party, and thought that something of an unusual character must be inspiring.

A nearer approach and a few moments' observation and inquiry revealed the cause of the scene. Spotted Tail and his whole band with all the soldiers of the garrison had turned out to celebrate with the most solemn Indian rites the funeral of the old chief's daughter and her child. The blue coats and gilded buttons of the soldiers mingled with the fantastic attire and picturesque display of color shown by the braves, the wailing of the Indian women, and the funeral rites, made all the more solemn and impressive to the mind of the soldiers from the novelty and mystery connected with them. These ceremonies were celebrated on a small elevation or a mound. In the soldiers' ceremony at Fort Laramie Spotted Tail and his whole band, the old chief riding ahead, followed by all his warriors, and the whole company uttering frightful moanings. The squaws, many of them mounted on ponies, came with their hair disheveled and hanging loosely over their shoulders and the front of their persons. Looking around them the soldiers soon saw the place designed for Pauline's sepulcher. On the top of four upright posts the warrior placed a plain white box about four feet wide, nine feet long, and four feet deep. This box contained Pauline, and in it the Indians placed various articles for the young woman's use in her journey to the happy hunting-ground. Among these articles were buffalo robes, various kinds of furs and skins, two saddles, and two dirks with elegantly-ornamented handles. The box being filled and placed on the pole, the chief made a signal that it should be brought forward. A number of ponies from outside of the cemetery were brought in. Out of all that great herd there was selected one beautiful animal. They then placed on the pony their choicest Indian gear, spotted robes, beads, feathers, etc. Spotted Tail then got down from his pony, which was similarly decorated. The first pony, from the care bestowed in its selection, was supposed to be the best belonging to the chief, was, of course, thought not to rank far behind it in excellence. These ponies were, according to the Indian's theology, designed for Pauline's use during the long journey she would have to make before reaching the happy hunting-ground. The skins and buffalo robes placed inside the sarcophagus were for her use through the long winter when she would have to wear fur about her for a cloak and around her feet for moccasins. All the other articles had definite uses according to Indian supernaturalism, but the significance of most of them the soldiers could not determine.

In the account it was stated that Mrs. Livingstone, mother of the Lieutenant,

was searching for her son's casket. Her search will be vain, for it died a short time after the death of its mother, and its little sarcophagus is placed on a smaller and shorter system of raised poles beside that of Pauline.

Lieutenant Livingstone was not present at the interment of his bride, and was not heard of by the garrison for a long time afterward. Later rumors stated positively that he is dead, and it is said he ended his rather romantic life on a voyage to Europe.

IMPORTANT TO PIANISTS.

The success of a surgical operation performed some time ago by Dr. William S. Forbes, Professor of Anatomy at the Jefferson Medical College, demonstrates a way in which musicians may overcome the necessity of years of constant practice to destroy the rigidity which naturally exists in the third or ring finger. The normal infirmity has always been the great drawback of students. To obtain a thorough knowledge of the theory of music, flexibility and ease in the movement of the third finger is absolutely required.

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The subject was brought to the attention of Dr. Forbes by Prof. Zackwer, music teacher. The physician gave the assurance that if a subject were procured he would demonstrate that with a not-very-painful surgical operation the finger could be brought under control. A young colored man in the employ of Prof. Zackwer, who had some musical ability, consented to subject himself to the surgeon's scalpel. In the case of the third finger, unlike its neighbors, the upper or extensor tendon is joined with the tendons of the fingers on each side of it by two similar or accessory tendons. This acts like a martingale, and holds the finger down so completely that nothing but constant strain will lessen the pressure.

Dr. Forbes, when the subject was brought to him, simply made two small openings in the back of the left hand on each side of the extensor tendon, and divided the troublesome accessories. The finger was at once released, and immediately after the operation the young man was able to raise the finger, and describe an arc of a circle an inch and a half greater than he could before. Since the operation the finger has been rapidly gaining strength, and now at exercise it does yeoman service as compared with its twin of the other hand. —Philadelphia Record.

INSTRUCTIVE EXPERIMENTS.

It will be news to most people that ordinary gas will pass through stone work, and that the human breath can be sent through a brick wall so strongly as to deflect a candle on the other side. At the New York Academy of Sciences lately Prof. Doremus demonstrated the truth of these things. He had before him a piece of sandstone, rectangular, and four and four and three-quarters inches in thickness. Placing against this a tube, he passed gas from one of the street pipes against the brick. After waiting a few minutes he put a light against the other face of the sandstone and immediately a small flame sprang up, showing that the gas had gone through the substance. He then took a mass of brickwork, made of best Philadelphia brick. Against one face of this he put the tube, and at the back of it a candle. As he blew through the tube the light was plainly detected. Very little press ure, he said, was enough to send the air or gas through. Sewage gas penetrates substance with just as much or greater ease. A water trap is perfectly useless, unless there be a ventilating pipe with it; then the water will check the gas, and the latter will naturally seek its easiest way out. The walls of hospitals, Dr. Doremus says, become saturated with disease, and the only way to cure them is to adopt the Helene plan and leave not one stone standing upon another. He had found chlorine gas the best disinfectant for such purposes. He had once generated three tons of this gas in a barrel of Bellevue Hospital, where pyrexia was constantly occurring through the saturation of the walls with poison, and there had been a marked improvement since. The chlorine treatment, he says, should be resorted to for every ordinary purpose of exposition. It may be taken for granted, then, that the lawyer is not always the best, and never, at any time, the only judge of the value of evidence.—Troy's Magazine.

LAW, NOT JUSTICE.

William Shaw, a respectable tradesman of Edinburgh, was blessed with a daughter who had formed a foolish attachment for a young man of bad character. Naturally enough, the father objected to the whole business. The foolish young woman, growing desperate, stabbed herself. When in the throes of death, in the presence of witnesses, her father appeared, and before expiring uttered the words, "Cruel father, thou art the cause of my death!" The father, at this accusation, was said to exhibit great agitation. On the evidence, then, of the daughter's dying speech, and the decided alarm which he displayed, the unfortunate father was condemned to the gallows. Apparently no evidence could be more conclusive; but still, it is remembered, it was only "apparently." It was simply, after all, going on the question of precedent. It was only a presumption of fact grounded on a general belief that the confession of a dying person may always be taken for granted to be true. But circumstances proved otherwise. A year or so afterward, as a new tenant of Shaw's former apartments was rummaging by chance in the room in which Catherine Shaw had died, he accidentally discovered a paper which had fallen into a cavity on one side of the chimney. It was folded in a letter and on being opened the following conclusion was brought to light:

"BARRIER FATHER: Your cruelty having put it out of my power ever to join my fate to that of the man I will love, and tyrannically insisting upon my marrying one whom I always hated, has made me form a resolution to put an end to an existence which has become a burden to me. I doubt not I shall find mercy in another world, for sure no benevolent Being can require that I should live any longer in torment to myself in this. My death I lay to your charge. When you read this, consider yourself an inhuman wretch that plunged the murderous knife into the bosom of the unhappy CATHERINE SHAW."

For another case might be quoted the famous trial and conviction of Bradford, the inkeeper. Here the evidence which produced conviction consisted of the fact that he was seen standing with a bloody knife in his hand over the body of the murdered man. Bradford was executed; but by a deathbed confession of guilt it subsequently became known that the real murderer was the servant of his victim, who had been caught red-handed in the presence of their victims. Therefore Bradford was undoubtedly guilty because he was discovered under the same circumstances, and it was quite unnatural to suppose anything to the contrary. As to the well-known case of the Courier of Lyons, the Gedlehey case and the recent case of Habran, who fortunately escaped the gallows, there is no need to enter into any particular details, as those already quoted are sufficient for any ordinary purpose of exposition. It may be taken for granted, then, that the lawyer is not always the best, and never, at any time, the only judge of the value of evidence.—Troy's Magazine.

THREE RED-HEADED BOYS.

In 1843 or 1844 there were three very wild and very red-headed boys living on the same square in Frankfort, Ky., and going to school to the same master, Prof. B. B. Sayre, one of the best educators of the old regime, and a man of marked character and eccentricities. These three red-headed boys were George G. Vest, John M. Harlan and B. Gratz Brown. Brown was known by the sobriquet of "Reddy" Brown. After school was out and the darkness of night had thrown a veil of comparative protection over the apple orchards of the neighborhood, the three boys would gather on the front porch of the Vest mansion and talk. They used to make wishes and resolve, and no resolution stopped short of the ultimate President of the United States. One of them is now an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, another United States Senator from Missouri, and the other has been Governor of Missouri, United States Senator, and in 1872 received the complimentary vote of the Democratic Electors for Vice President.

The three have met in Louisville frequently since boyhood, and these reunions were always memorable ones, at least to the three. One of the stories told with particular delight by Senator Vest at the last meeting was of Prof. Sayre's school. Sayre was a man of high temper, and when in bad humor was the cause of terror to all his pupils. One day when the class was called he was so plainly out of temper that the lesson was frightened out of the head of every pupil, as David Copperfield "felt while paper slipping away."

"Spell mouse!" he called out to the head of the class. "M-o-u-s-e," was nimply passed over. "Very well—what is the plural?" was the next question asked by the boy with the precision of a bullet. "Mouses!" answered the frightened lad. "Next," cried the teacher, and every boy in the line lost an eye on him. Melville now does fast-rate, an' melbo ain't very particular how he's shaved, an' dey puts dat new man on fo' to try his han'; but some ole barber always strips his razah an' keeps an eye on him. Melville do new man fast-rate, an' melbo do it. It all depends on his confidence. Confidence is do main thing in learning do barber business."

"Well, dat depends on how much talent he has for de business," was the quiet reply; "generally takes 'bout a year."

"How do they begin?" asked the reporter.

"Dey generally begin by blackin' boots. Den dey stan' round au' watch an ole barber strip his razah, watch him shave. After a while dey lets em' put de father on. Den pretty soon he tries his ban' at shavin'. Somebody comes dat's very good-natured, or melbo ain't very particular how he's shaved, an' dey puts dat new man on fo' to try his han'; but some ole barber always strips his razah an' keeps an eye on him. Melville do new man fast-rate, an' melbo do it. It all depends on his confidence. Confidence is do main thing in learning do barber business."

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"No, dey shave themselves?" queried the reporter.

"No, dey shave one another. When a barber wants a shave he asks a friend to do it, an' den he shaves de other man. Barbers never pay nothing for shaves, unless they's away from home."

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"What is the difference between a barbershop and a barbershop?"

"There's 36,191 changes made in the New Testament by the revisers. In the book of Revelations alone there were 2,467.

"NOT A VERY COMMON COMPLAINT.

A police magistrate is questioning a tramp whose bearing indicates that he has seen better days. "You look as if you had been a gentleman," he remarks.

"Yes," says the prisoner, with a sigh; "once I was worth \$100,000."

"Gambled, eh?"

"No, sir."

"Squandered it in riotous living?"

"No, sir."

"Then to what vice were you addicted?"